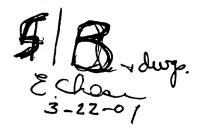
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Sir or Madam:

This reply is submitted to the Office Action dated 31 January 2001. Formal drawings and a marked-up version of the amended claims are attached. No new matter is added. No 20 additional fees are required.

Amendment B

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

- 3. (Amended) A cap and container assembly comprising:
- a container and a cap;

the container including a base, and a neck for sealing engagement with the cap;

a land area at an end of the neck defining a container mouth, and an exterior surface of the neck below the land area



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